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TO AMCONSUL QUEBEC

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SUBJECT: PQ LEADER'S BICENTENNIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT

1. RENE LEVESQUE, AS PRESIDENT OF PARTI QUEBECOIS, HAS SENT CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT FORD ON US BICENTENNIAL. BECAUSE OF CLEAR POLITICAL THRUST OF MESSAGE SEEKING TO UNDERScore QUEBEC ASPIRATIONS FOR LIBERTY AND SOVEREIGNTY, AS WELL AS FACT THAT LEVESQUE IS LEADER OF POLITICAL PARTY AND NOT QUEBEC OFFICIAL, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR PRESIDENT TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO LEVESQUE.

2. IF EMBASSY CONCURS, WE SUGGEST CONSUL GENERAL IN QUEBEC AT NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION ORALLY INFORM LEVESQUE THAT HIS MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LEVESQUE MESSAGE:

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"TOUT LE PEUPLE DU QUEBEC SE JOINDRAIT SUREMENT AUX MEMBRES
ET SYMPATHISANTS DU PARTI QUEBECOIS POUR SOUHAITER AU
PEUPLE AMERICAIN PAIX BONHEUR ET PROSPERITE AU COURS DE SON
TROISIEME SIECLE DE VIE NATIONALE. A VOUS-MEME, MONSIEUR
LE PRESIDENT, ET A TOUS VOS CONCITOYENS PARTICULIEREMENT

AU GRAND NOMBRE D'ENTRE EUX DONT LES RACINES ONT
QUEBECOISES, NOUS TENONS A EXPRIMER NOS FELICITATIONS
LES PLUS CHALEUREUSES A L'OCCASION DE CE DEUXIEME
CENTENAIRE DE L'INDEPENDANCE. LA DECLARATION
IMMORTELLE DE 1776, DEMEURE EN EFFET, CHEZ NOUS COMME
AILLEURS DANS LE MONDE, UNE PUISSANTE INSPIRATION POUR
TOUS CEUX QUI ESPERENT ACCEDER A LEUR TOUR A CETTE
LIBERTE ET A CETTE SOUVERAINETE DONT TOUTE NATION
NORMALEMENT CONSTITUEE A BESOIN POUR VIVRE ET S'EPANOUIR."
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